

# HOUSE BILL REPORT

## EHB 1246

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### As Passed Legislature

**Title:** An act relating to vehicle sound system equipment.

**Brief Description:** Requiring vehicle sound system components to be securely attached.

**Sponsors:** By Representatives Dunshee, Pearson, Lovick, Kristiansen, Morrell, P. Sullivan, Murray, Wallace, Chase and Ormsby.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:**

Transportation: 2/7/05, 2/10/05 [DP].

**Floor Activity:**

Passed House: 3/8/05, 82-16.

Passed Senate: 4/5/05, 30-18.

Passed Legislature

### Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill

- Requires vehicle sound system components, such as stereo speakers, to be securely fastened to the vehicle.
- Failure to do so is a traffic infraction.
- Requires the Traffic Safety Commission to create an education campaign regarding properly securing vehicle sound systems.

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### HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

**Majority Report:** Do pass. Signed by 21 members: Representatives Murray, Chair; Wallace, Vice Chair; Woods, Ranking Minority Member; Skinner, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Campbell, Dickerson, Ericksen, Flannigan, Hankins, Hudgins, Jarrett, Kilmer, Lovick, Morris, Rodne, Sells, Simpson, B. Sullivan, Takko, Upthegrove and Wood.

**Minority Report:** Do not pass. Signed by 6 members: Representatives Appleton, Buck, Curtis, Nixon, Schindler and Shabro.

**Staff:** Teresa Berntsen (786-7301).

**Background:**

It is increasingly popular for motor vehicle owners to install stereo speakers in the back seat of a car or in the bed of a passenger truck. Certain stereo speakers are manufactured only for residential use, rather than automotive use. These speakers, as well as unsecured automotive speakers, can become projectiles in the event of a vehicle collision.

There are no state laws or rules specifically prohibiting or restricting the placement of sound system components (such as stereo speakers) on or within a vehicle.

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**Summary of Engrossed Bill:**

All vehicle sound system components must be securely attached to the vehicle so that they cannot become dislodged or loose during operation of the vehicle. Failure to do so is a traffic infraction.

Law enforcement officers may only issue tickets for this infraction as a secondary violation.

Requires the Traffic Safety Commission to create an education campaign regarding properly securing vehicle sound system components within their existing budget.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Available.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

**Testimony For:** This bill will save lives and help heal a community and a family.

**Testimony Against:** None.

**Persons Testifying:** Representative Dunshee, prime sponsor; Carol Amisson; Gina McKinney; Sarah Meyer; Julia Baggenstos; Sarah Battien; Kyle Scott; and Brandon Schriber.

**Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying:** None.